

RESOLUTION EMPOWERING THE GOVERNOR TO EMPLOY CLERICAL  
ASSISTANCE IN HIS OFFICE.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate con-*  
*curring,* That the governor be empowered to employ  
clerical assistance for the executive department, when he  
may deem it necessary: *Provided,* The sum expended  
shall not exceed in amount the sum of six hundred dol-  
lars per annum.

Clerical assist-  
ance for the exec-  
utive depart-  
ment.

Proviso.

*Resolved,* That this resolution shall take effect from and  
after its ratification.

Ratified the 31st day of January, A. D. 1877.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WHITE  
AND COLORED PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

WHEREAS, in the providence of God, the colored people  
have been set free, and this is their country and their  
home, as well as that of the white people, and there should  
be nothing to prevent the two races from dwelling togeth-  
er in the land in harmony and peace;

Preamble.

WHEREAS, we recognize the duty of the stronger race  
to uphold the weaker, and that upon it rests the respon-  
sibility of an honest and faithful endeavor to raise the  
weaker race to the level of intelligent citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the colored people have been erroneously  
taught that legislation, under democratic auspices, would  
be inimical to their rights and interest, thereby causing  
numbers of them to entertain honest fears in the pre-  
mises,

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do resolve,* That  
while we regard with repugnance the absurd attempts,  
by means of "civil rights" bills, to eradicate certain race  
distinctions, implanted by nature and sustained by the

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distinctions.